

February 13, 2015

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Re: Lower Willamette River, Portland Harbor Superfund Site USEPA Docket No: CERCLA-10-2001-0240 Monthly Progress Report for January 2015

Dear Ms. Koch:

This monthly status report provides information required by the Portland Harbor Superfund Site Administrative Settlement and Administrative Order on Consent (ASOC).

1. ACTIONS TAKEN IN JANUARY 2015

None.

Deliverables Approved by EPA

None.

Deliverables Submitted to EPA and Other Actions

- On January 2, 2015, the LWG provided EPA a set of comments on EPA's December 18, 2014 proposed final draft of Section 1 of the revised Feasibility Study (FS), along with notation that the LWG is continuing to review the draft Section 1 source control text and tables against DEQ's November 2014 Source Control Status Report.
- On January 6, 2015, a technical meeting was held to discuss EPA's revised draft dioxin/furan Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRGs) and Remedial Action Levels.
- On January 9, 2015, a draft list of action items from the January 6 dioxin/furan meeting was provided for EPA review.
- On January 9, 2015, a call was held with EPA to discuss edits to the Remedial Investigation (RI) Section 10.
- On January 19, 2015, the LWG provided EPA the list of references used to develop the metabolism rate coefficients for polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxin/furan (PCDD/Fs) for the Portland Harbor bioaccumulation model.

Comments/Documents Provided by EPA

• On January 9, 2015, EPA provided the LWG a proposed final Portland Harbor FS Section 1 with additional modifications to the text and EPA's responses to the LWG's edits.



- On January 13, 2015, EPA provided the LWG with revisions to the RI Executive Summary.
- On January 14, 2015, EPA provided the LWG with deliverables that the LWG requested during the January 6 dioxin/furan technical meeting.
- On January 20, 2015, EPA provided the LWG draft sediment management area maps.
- On January 20, 2015, EPA requested Anchor QEA proceed with including the NW Natural and Arkema data sets in development of the depth core profile maps.
- On January 27, 2015, EPA provided the LWG an FS revision schedule up to the meeting with the National Remedy Review Board/Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group.

2. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED, ANTICIPATED DELAYS, AND SOLUTIONS

None.

3. RESULTS OF SAMPLING, TESTS, AND OTHER DATA RECEIVED

None.

4. SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS

On December 19, 2014, EPA and the LWG agreed to specific modifications to the FS revision process as documented in the December 17, 2014 email from Lori Cohen to Margaret Kirkpatrick. The LWG project team will now coordinate with the EPA Remedial Project Managers to schedule focused technical FS subgroup meetings with representatives from the respective EPA and LWG teams. The specific FS topics will be consistent with the agreed-upon FS revision process and, based on EPA input, may include resumption of the weekly FS process status update.

The dispute on the RI Section 7 has yet to be resolved. Once resolved, the EPA and LWG technical teams will resume discussions to finalize the RI and incorporate the background sediment information into the revised FS.

Work covered by the ASOC that is currently planned for February, March, April, and May 2015 includes the following:

- February 6, 2015: A Draft FS Section 2 is expected from EPA for LWG review.
- May 18, 2015: A Draft FS Section 3 is expected from EPA for LWG review.

Submittal dates for pending documents currently under preparation by the LWG and scheduled for submittal in upcoming months are listed in Table 1: Status of Active LWG Deliverables—Portland Harbor RI/FS. This table includes pending and recently submitted deliverables for which EPA comments or approvals are required. Table 2: Status of LWG Deliverables—Portland Harbor RI/FS reflects the more complete list of LWG submittals and is equivalent to the former Table 1 provided in previous progress reports.



5. DOCUMENTS AND ISSUES AWAITING EPA RESPONSE

EPA comments or approvals have not been received on a number of documents that have been submitted to EPA as required by the ASOC; these submittals are listed in Tables 1 and 2. The LWG requests that EPA provide document approvals for these submittals to verify that the terms of the ASOC are being met and issues are resolved to maintain progress on the RI/FS. Also, the LWG believes that many of the documents listed as future submittals in Table 2 are no longer needed (see Status/Comments column) and requests that EPA review the list and confirm that these documents are, indeed, not needed.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (503) 972-5014.

Sincerely,

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Table 1. Status of Active LWG Deliverables – Portland Harbor RI/FS.

Deliverable ¹	Submittal Deadline ²	Status/Comments	EPA Comments Target Date
Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report	08/29/2011	Submitted 08/29/2011; EPA comments received on Section 1 and 2, Appendices A and H 11/30/2012 EPA comments received on Section 3 02/21/2013 EPA comments received on Section 4 03/19/2013 EPA comments received on Section 8 04/19/2013 EPA comments received on Section 9 8/16/2013 Revised Redline of EPA comments received on Section 9 9/26/2013 EPA comments received on Section 7 11/05/2013 Additional EPA comments received on Section 7 11/05/2013 EPA comments received on Section 6 05/07/2014 EPA comments received on Section 5 6/11/14 EPA comments received on Section 10 and 11 7/10/2014 EPA comments received on the Executive Summary 01/13/2015	10/29/2011

Notes:

Deliverable completed and approved by EPA.

Deliverable submitted to EPA and its partners.

Underlining indicates text change from last progress report.

¹ - Bolded Deliverables are primary deliverables per Section XIX, Paragraph 4 of ASOC (EPA 2001a). Unbolded Deliverables are secondary deliverables per Section XIX, Paragraph 5 of ASOC. *Italicized Deliverables* do not have stipulated penalty amounts.

² - Listed Submittal Deadlines are for draft documents. Unless otherwise specified, all final documents are due to EPA 30 days following receipt of comments from EPA.



Table 2. Status of LWG Deliverables – Portland Harbor RI/FS.

	Submittal		EPA
Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments
Round 1			
Compilation of Information	November	Submitted to EPA and DEQ 11/21/2007.	
for Sources Between RM 11	2007	Need written response from DEQ and EPA	
and 11.6 East Bank of		that upland sources are under investigation	
Portland Harbor		consistent with the Road to the ROD.	
Round 2 Biota			
Revised Round 2 QAPP	11/23/2005	Submitted 11/23/2005; approved with	12/8/2005
Addendum 6: Sampling of		conditions on 12/6/2005; a final QAPP	
Benthic Invertebrate Tissue		addendum is required	
Final Round 2 QAPP	TBD	On 2/9/2006, the LWG submitted a	
Addendum 6: Sampling of		response to EPA's comments on the	
Benthic Invertebrate Tissue		11/23/2005 version of the QAPP	
		addendum. The LWG has not heard back	
		from EPA on that response. The LWG	
		believes that a final QAPP in not required.	
		Need EPA agreement that this final QAPP	
		is not required.	
Hydro/Sed Modeling			
Phase 2 Hydrodynamic Re-	May 2009	Submitted 5/7/2009; EPA comments	
calibration Report		received 7/22/2009	
Groundwater Pathway			
Draft Round 2 Groundwater	4/22/2005	Submitted 4/22/2005; EPA comments	
Pathway Assessment		received 6/3/2005	
Sampling and Analysis Plan			
Round 2 Groundwater	TBD	Outstanding issues to be addressed in GW	
Pathway Assessment		Appendix to Draft RI Report.	
Sampling and Analysis Plan -			
Response to EPA Comments			
Revised Round 2	TBD	Outstanding issues to be addressed in GW	
Groundwater Pathway		Appendix to Draft RI Report.	
Assessment Sampling and			
Analysis Plan (including			
Appendix A - Site Summaries			
and Appendix B - Pilot Study			
Data Report)			
Round 2 FSP for Sampling of	4/29/2005	Submitted 4/29/2005; EPA comments	
Shoreline Seeps at Human		received 6/10/2005	
Use Beaches			



	Submittal		EPA
Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments
Revised Round 2 FSP for Sampling of Shoreline Seeps at Human Use Beaches	No longer needed	The only seep determined to pose a potentially complete exposure pathway is discharge from Outfall 22B. The existing data from Outfall 22B include the upland COIs and meet the data quality requirements for risk evaluation (Category 1/QA2). Based on the Round 2 Report evaluations, no additional seep data are needed. Therefore, this FSP is no longer needed.	
Revised Round 2 Groundwater Pathway Assessment SAP Attachment 2: Transition Zone Water FSP	3/27/2006	Redline version submitted 3/27/2006; EPA needs to provide final approval of this FSP. This revised FSP was prepared and submitted after the associated field work was completed.	4/28/2006
Revised Round 2 Groundwater Pathway Assessment SAP Attachment 3: Supplement to QAPP Addendum 3	10/7/2005	Submitted 10/7/2005: Conditional approval of proposed changes to the QAPP addendum received from EPA on 9/30/2005. EPA needs to provide final approval of this QAPP. Approval to conduct sampling was provided by EPA on 9/30/2005.	
Revised Transition-Zone Water FSP Addendum 1 Sampling Plans for ExxonMobil, Siltronic, Gasco, and Arkema	3/27/2006	Submitted 3/27/2006. EPA needs to provide final approval of this FSP. Approval to conduct sampling was provided by EPA on 9/30/2005. This revised FSP was prepared and submitted after the associated field work was completed.	
Revised Transition-Zone Water FSP Addendum 2	3/27/2006	Submitted 3/27/2006. EPA needs to provide final approval of this FSP. Approval to conduct sampling was provided by EPA on 10/13/2005. This revised FSP was prepared and submitted after the associated field work was completed.	
Natural Attenuation			
Step 2 Natural Attenuation	No longer		
Evaluation Report Took Momos	needed		
Tech Memos Revised TRV Selection TM	10/23/2004	Submitted; EPA comments received 3/18/2005. On 6/10/2005, EPA directed the LWG to submit the final TRV Selection TM with the PRE. The final TRV Selection TM was submitted as an appendix to the 9/9/2005 PRE.	



	Submittal		EPA	
Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments	
Second Revision	1/7/2005	Submitted; EPA comments received	Comments	
Preliminary Risk	1///2003	3/4/2005. On 6/10/2005, EPA directed the		
Evaluation Approach TM		LWG to submit the final PRE approach		
27 W. W. W. C.		TM with the PRE. The final PRE		
		Approach was submitted as an appendix to		
		the 9/9/2005 PRE.		
Comprehensive ERA	6/27/2004	Submitted; EPA comments received		
Approach TM		10/1/2004		
Revised Comprehensive	TBD	In a 1/11/2006 meeting with EPA, the		
ERA Approach TM		LWG proposed deleting this deliverable.		
		The LWG has not heard back from EPA		
		on this proposal. Need EPA agreement that		
	1/00/055	this deliverable is no longer needed.	0 (0 1 (0 0 0 -	
Process for Derivation of	1/20/2005	Submitted; EPA comments received	3/21/2005	
PRGs TM		6/30/2006; a revised tech memo is not		
D 6.4	2/2/2006	required.	51212006	
Draft Approach to	3/3/2006	Submitted 3/3/2006; EPA comments	5/2/2006	
Determining Background for		received 6/5/2006; revised tech memo		
the Portland Harbor		required.		
Superfund Site	7/20/2006	The next and approach to determining		
Revised Approach to Determining Background for	//20/2006	The revised approach to determining background for the Portland Harbor		
the Portland Harbor		Superfund Site will be provided in the		
Superfund Site		Draft RI Report		
Process for Delineating the		The approach for Delineating the Extent of		
Extent of Contamination		Contamination Upstream and Downstream		
Upstream and Downstream		of the ISA will be provided in the Draft RI		
of the ISA		Report		
COPC Selection Interim	~1/23/2006	In a 1/11/2006 meeting with EPA, the		
Deliverable		LWG proposed deleting this deliverable.		
		The LWG has not heard back from EPA		
		on this proposal. Need EPA agreement that		
		this deliverable is no longer needed.		
ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT				
Ecological Preliminary	9/9/2005	Submitted 9/9/2005; EPA comments	11/8/2005	
Risk Evaluation (PRE)		received 4/28/2006, a revised PRE is not		
		required		
Round 2 Benthic Assessment	3/17/2006	Submitted 3/17/2006; EPA comments	5/16/2006	
Interpretation Report	11/4/2000	received 7/6/2006	1 /2 /2 0 0 6	
Food Web Modeling Report:	11/4/2005	Submitted 11/4/2005; EPA comments	1/3/2006	
Evaluating Trophic Trace		received 3/10/2006		
and the Arnot and Gobas				
Models for Application to the				
Portland Harbor Superfund				
Site				



	Submittal		EPA
Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments
Revised Ecological Water	5/26/2006	Submitted 5/25/2006; directive EPA	7/9/2006
Screening Levels		comments received 9/15/2006, and a	
		correction to the xylene AWQC on	
		9/27/06. Additional revisions were	
		submitted on 10/13/2006.	
Feasibility Study			
Literature Survey of	October 2007	Submitted 10/31/2007. EPA comments	Jan-08
Treatability Studies		received 2/15/08. A revised deliverable is	
· ·		not required, EPA comments indicated that	
		they should be addressed in the FS.	
Round 3B (FS) Side-scan	September	Submitted 5/18/2009	
Sonar Data Report	2008		
Treatment Technologies	Early May	Submitted 6/5/2009; EPA comments	7/6/2009
Screening Table	2009	received 7/9/2009	
Screening of Disposal	Mid May	Submitted 6/18/2009; EPA comments	7/2/2009
Facilities for the Feasibility	2009	received 7/10/2009	
Study Memorandum			
Early Preliminary	Late March	Submitted 3/27/2009	
Remediation Goals (PRGs)	2009		
Benthic Toxicity AOPCs	September	Submitted 9/07/2010	
Check In Materials	2010		
Treatment Technology	_	Submitted 03/15/2011; EPA comments	
Evaluation Tools Memo		received 4/27/2011	
Draft Mitigation	_	Submitted 03/15/2011; EPA comments	
Determination Approach for		received 4/27/2011	
Use in the FS Tools Memo			
Draft Feasibility Study	_	Submitted 03/15/2011; EPA comments	
Costing Approach Tools		received 4/27/2011	
Memo			
Draft Identification of	_	Submitted 03/16/2011; EPA comments	
"COCs" and Contaminant		received 4/27/2011	
Mobility Evaluation Criteria			
For the Draft FS Tools			
Мето			
Dredging Water Quality	_	Submitted 03/31/2011; EPA comments	
Evaluation Tools Memo		received 4/27/2011	
Alternatives Screening		Submitted 04/06/2011	
Materials			
Draft FS Key Elements	_	Submitted Materials 06/06/2011	
Presentation		Presentation 06/21 and 06/22/2011	
EPA Directed Draft	01/15/2012	Submitted 01/16/2012	NA
Feasibility Study (FS) Key			
Work Product			



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Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments
	03/20/2012	Submitted 03/20/2012	6/29/2012
Draft Feasibility Study (FS) - Electronic Version For	03/20/2012	EPA comments received on Section 1	0/29/2012
Early EPA Team Review		07/08/14	
Early EFA Team Review		EPA Draft Final FS Section 1 and	
		Appendix A received on 12/18/14	
Draft Feasibility Study (FS)	03/30/2012	Submitted 03/30/2012	6/29/2012
- Formal Publically	03/30/2012	EPA initial comments received 12/18/2012.	0/27/2012
Accessible Submittal		EPA comments received on Section 1 07/08/14	
Accessible Submittal		EPA Draft Final FS Section 1 and Appendix A	
		received on 12/18/14	
General Field/Data/RI R	eporting		
Validated Analytical Results	90 days		
	following		
	completion of		
	each		
	sampling		
	activity		
Comprehensive Round 2 Site	2/21/2007	Submitted 2/21/2007. EPA comments on	
Characterization Summary		Sections 1-9 and Appendices A, B, C, D,	
and Data Gaps Analysis		F, and G received 1/15/08; comments on	
Report		Section 10 received 3/20/08; comments on	
		Section 11 received 5/16/08; comments on	
		Appendix E received 8/8/08. This	
		document was never intended to be revised	
		or approved by EPA; comments will be	
D (G)	4 . 2000	addressed in the Draft RI Report.	ED 4
Draft Sediment Mobility	August 2009	Submitted 8/11/2009	EPA comments
Testing Data Report	г 1	G 1 ''' 10/2/2000	not anticipated
Draft Baseline Ecological	Early	Submitted 9/2/2009	11/2/2009
Risk Assessment Report	September 2009	Preliminary EPA comments received 12/23/09.	
	2009		
		EPA comments received 07/16/2010.	
		EPA benthic approach comments received 09/27/2010.	
Draft Baseline Human	Late	Submitted 9/23/2009	11/23/2009
Health Risk Assessment	September	Preliminary EPA comments received	11/25/2009
Report Risk Assessment	2009	12/23/09.	
Report	_007	EPA comments received 07/16/2010.	
Draft Remedial	Late October	Submitted 10/27/2009	12/27/2009
Investigation Report	2009	EPA comments received 07/16/2010	
Benthic Toxicity Reanalysis	Mid	Submitted 11/13/2009	01/13/2009
Technical Memorandum	November	EPA benthic approach comments received	
	2009	09/27/2010.	
Supporting Electronic	November	Submitted 11/19/2009	01/19/2010
Information for Draft Benthic	2009		
BERA			



	Submittal		EPA
Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments
Draft Final BHHRA	5/2/2011	Submitted 05/02/2011; EPA comments	7/2/2011
		received 06/22/2012.	
	= /= /= /	EPA dispute decision received 12/07/12.	
Draft Final BERA	7/5/2011	Submitted 07/01/2011;	9/1/2011
		EPA comments received 07/10/2012. EPA comments received on 12/21/2012.	
		EPA comments received on 12/21/2012. EPA comments received on 01/11/2013	
Human Health and	July 2011	Submitted 07/22/2011	9/22/2011
Ecological Risk Management	July 2011	Submitted 07/22/2011	7/22/2011
Recommendations			
Draft Final Remedial	8/29/2011	Submitted 08/29/2011;	10/29/2011
Investigation Report		EPA comments received on Section 1 and	
		2, Appendices A and H 11/30/2012	
		EPA comments received on Section 3	
		02/21/2013	
		EPA comments received on Section 4	
		03/19/2013 EPA comments received on Section 8	
		04/19/2013	
		EPA comments received on Section 9	
		8/16/2013	
		Revised Redline of EPA comments	
		received on Section 9 9/26/2013	
		EPA comments received on Section 7	
		11/05/2013	
		Additional EPA comments received on	
		Section 7 12/19/2013 EPA comments received on Section 6	
		05/07/2014	
		EPA comments received on Section 5	
		6/11/14	
		EPA comments received on Section 10 and	
		11 7/10/2014	
		EPA comments received on the Executive	
		<u>Summary 01/13/2015</u>	
Final BHHRA	3/28/2013	Submitted: 02/11/2013	4/8/2013
		EPA comments received 02/15/2013	
		EPA conditional approval received on 02/26/2013.	
		Final BHHRA posted and hardcopy	
		submitted 03/25/13.	
		EPA provided final approval of the	
		BHHRA on 04/03/13	
		Final BHHRA errata posted 04/12/13.	



	Submittal		EPA
Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments
Final BERA	4/1/2013	Submitted: 04/01/2013;	4/15/2013
Filial BEKA	4/1/2013	EPA comments received 06/07/13;	4/13/2013
		Revised draft submitted to EPA 06/14/13	
		EPA comments received 06/26/13	
		EPA comments received 09/26/13	
		Further revised draft submitted to EPA	
		10/10/13	
		Further revised draft submitted to EPA	
		12/16/13	
		EPA provided final approval of the BERA	
		with the exception of Attachment 1 Part B	
		Communication Log on 12/20/13	
STORMWATER			
Stormwater Loading Check-	2/1/2009	Submitted 2/18/2009; EPA comments	
in Materials		received 5/6/2009	
Revised Stormwater Loading	April	Submitted 04/30/2010; EPA comments	6/30/2010
Calculation Methods	2010	received 08/17/2010	
Final Stormwater Loading		Submitted 01/31/2011: EPA comments	3/31/2011
Calculation Methods		received 03/02/2011	
		Revised Report Submitted 04/15/2011	
SEDIMENT	1		I
Round 3B Field Sampling		Submitted 5/4/2007; EPA comments	
Plan: Sediment Sampling		received 7/25/07. Superseded by the	
and Benthic Toxicity Testing		11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment	
11 . 11/1, 1		& Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Upriver and Multnomah		Submitted 5/25/2007; EPA comments	
Channel Sediment Evaluation		received 10/11/07. Superseded by the 11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment	
and Field Sampling Plan Technical Approach		& Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Draft Round 3B Surface and		Submitted 5/25/2007; EPA comments	
Core Sediment FSP		received 8/9/07. Superseded by the	
Preliminary Technical		11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment	
Memorandum		& Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Draft Round 3B Erosion	August 2007	Submitted 8/29/07; EPA comments	
Core Sediment FSP	114545t 2007	received 10/11/07. Superseded by the	
Technical Memorandum		11/5/2007 R3B Comprehensive Sediment	
		& Bioassay Testing FSP.	
Round 3B QAPP Addendum	November	Submitted 12/17/2007. Need EPA	
10 for Sediment Sampling	2007	approval of this QAPP Addendum.	
Round 3 Sediment Trap		Submitted 06/30/2011	
Deployment Field Report			
FATE & TRANSPORT		,	
Draft Chemical Fate &	July 2007	Submitted 7/20/2007; EPA comments	
Transport Model		received 10/15/07. LWG response to	
Development and Data Gaps		comments submitted 1/8/2008.	
Identification Report			



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Deliverable ¹	Deadline ²	Status/Comments	Comments
F&T Surface Sediment FSP –	December	Submitted 12/10/2007; EPA comments	
Addendum to 3B Sediment FSP	2007	received 1/2/08. 1/16/08 LWG agreed with EPA not to perform the sampling.	
1.21		Need EPA agreement that this deliverable	
		is no longer needed.	
Draft Bioaccumulation		Submitted 7/27/2009	
Modeling Report			
CULTURAL RESOURCES			
Draft Cultural Resource	12/16/2005	Submitted 12/16/2005	2/14/2006; EPA
Survey Report			comments not
			time-critical at
			this point in the
			project
BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMEN	NT		
Preliminary Draft Site-Wide	3/30/2012	Submitted 03/20/2012	6/29/2012
Biological Assessment -			
Electronic Version For Early			
EPA Team Review			
Preliminary Draft Site-Wide	3/30/2012	Submitted 03/30/2012	6/29/2012
Biological Assessment -			
Formal Publically Accessible			
Submittal			

Notes

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Only deliverables due within the next four months are shown.

Deliverable completed and approved by EPA.

Deliverable submitted to EPA and its partners.

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